

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Little Chapel or Fairbank Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Fairbank Road not for publication

city, town Fairbank vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state MD county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> X</u> building(s)	<u> X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Raymond and MaryLee Chollet

street & number Fairbank Road telephone no.: 886-2277

city, town Fairbank state and zip code MD 21671

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 442

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 640

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-828

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Little Chapel is located on the north side of the Fairbank Road in the village of Fairbank on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. It faces south, with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1884, the Little Chapel is a one-and-a-half story building clad in unpainted, weatherboard siding and supported by a brick foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade has three bays of narrow, four-over-four sash windows surrounded by a wood moulding with a peaked crown. A trefoil design is set between the top of the window and the moulding crown. The upper half-story on this gable end elevation has a very large single pane triangular window inset and the slightly extended eave is supported by a pair of decorative brackets.

The east elevation has two bays of two-over-two sash windows and a recently added glass and plywood conservatory entrance as the southern bay. Above these three bays are six-over-six sash windows which extend into the eave. The open eave has exposed rafter feet.

The north elevation has a projecting central bay with a hipped roof. It is flanked on the east by a door and on the west by a window. The addition itself has a pointed-arch window on its east and west sides.

The west elevation has three bays of narrow, four-over-four sash windows surrounded by a wood moulding with a peaked crown. A trefoil design is set between the top of the window and the moulding crown. The open eave has exposed rafter feet.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-828

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Little Chapel, also known as the Fairbank Methodist Church, was built in 1884 by Reverend J.M.Lindale for \$1,200. After 1943 the church was no longer used as a place of worship. The Little Chapel served as a community hall until 1966 when it was purchased by the Chollets who removed the bell tower and converted it into a residence. Seymour Builders did the remodeling work.

The Little Chapel was greatly changed in order to be converted to a residence, but it remains a landmark as the only church in the Fairbank community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-828

Covington, Antoinette. Tilghman's Island Capers. Talbot County, MD:
A.C.&H. Enterprises, 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, architectural historian

organization Talbot County Planning Office date 8/90

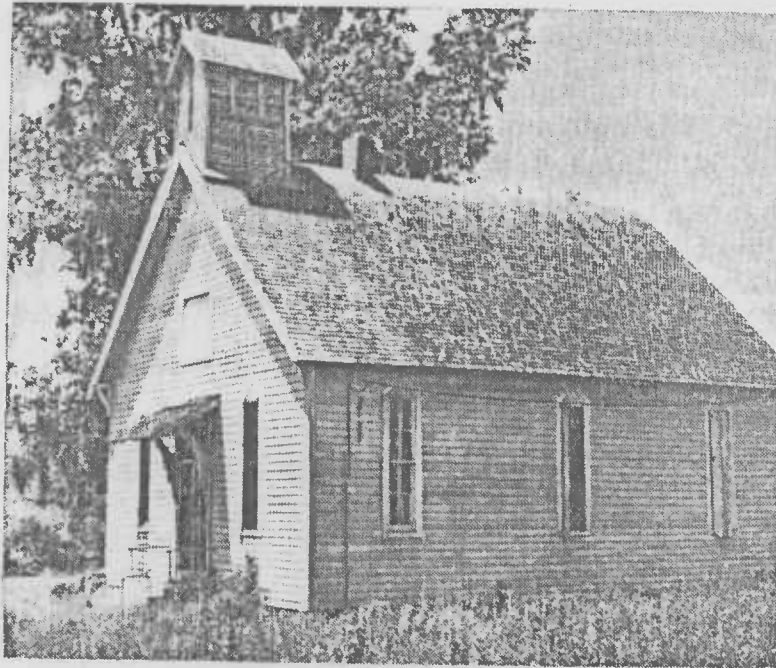
street & number Talbot County Courthouse telephone 822-2030

city or town Easton state MD

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Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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LITTLE CHAPEL

1884

From: Raymond R. Sinclair, The Tilghman's Island Story
(N.p.:n.p., 1954): 30.

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Fairbank Methodist Church
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





FAIRBANK MEMORIAL CHURCH

F-828

TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT SOUND, ALA.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

1 AUGUST 1960

S. 1/16